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--15. The method as claimed in claim 9 wherein said reducing agent is selected from the group consisting of activated carbon, graphite powders, charcoal powders, ash powders, oil, paraffin, tar, pitch, and mixtures thereof.--

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--16. The method as claimed in claim 10 wherein said reducing agent is selected from the group consisting of activated carbon, graphite powders, charcoal powders, ash powders, oil, paraffin, tar, pitch, and mixtures thereof. --

REMARKS

This amendment is being made to remove multiple dependency and reduce the filing fee. A prompt examination on the merits of all claims is respectfully requested.

The figures have been amended to clarify their presentations on the basis of the present specification.

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